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SUBJECT: PRISONERS IN INDIA

1. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AN UPDATED EMBASSY ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN INDIA. NYT CORRESPONDENT BORDERS REPORTED JANUARY 6 THAT OPPOSITION LEADERS ARE ESTIMATING 12,000 STILL REMAIN UNDER DETENTION. EARLIER ESTIMATES FROM EMBASSY AND OTHER SOURCES SUGGESTED THE NUMBER RANGED BETWEEN 50,000 AND 75,000. ALTHOUGH SOME PROMINENT OPPOSITION FIGURES HAVE BEEN RELEASED IN RECENT WEEKS, HAS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POLITICAL DETAINEES BEEN REDUCED TO THE 12,000 LEVEL? WE ALSO WONDER WHETHER THE RELEASES HAVE REACHED SECOND-ECHELON LEADERS OUTSIDE THE MAJOR CITIES.

2. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE HAVING TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT UNDER DETENTION IN THE WAKE OF THE RELEASE OF MOHAN DHARIA AND CHANDRA SHEKHAR.  
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